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### **RANDOLPH COUNTY MAN SENTENCED ON CHARGES OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION FRAUD**

**CHARLESTON, WV** – West Virginia Insurance Commissioner, Jane L. Cline, announced today that Charles Albert Sloan was sentenced earlier this month on one count of wrongfully seeking workers' compensation benefits and one count of fraudulently obtaining a controlled substance, both felonies.

Sloan, of Elkins, pleaded guilty to the above charges February 7, 2006 and was sentenced to one to four years confinement; however, the sentence was suspended and Sloan was placed on five (5) years probation.

"Persons who fraudulently secure benefits from the Workers' Compensation Fund, or who file false reports or give false testimony are subject to criminal prosecution", Cline said. "The sentencing of Mr. Sloan demonstrates the continued efforts of the Insurance Commission to control insurance fraud in the state of West Virginia".

In addition to being placed on probation, Sloan was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,527.00 to local physician offices and pharmacies as well as complete one hundred (100) hours of community service.

This outcome is the direct result of a cooperative investigation with the Harrison and Lewis County Drug Task Forces and the efforts of Susan Morris, Harrison county Assistant Prosecutor.

Anyone with information relating to a suspected case of Workers' Compensation Fraud is urged to call, toll-free, 1-888-372-8392.

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